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We certify that this is a report of psychiatric examination pursuant to the provisions of Section 552.020 RSMo 1963, as ordered by the Circuit Court of Cole County, Cause No. 6303, in the case of JAMES EARL RAY, a 38 year old, single, Caucasian male, who was admitted to Fulton State Hospital on 8 September 1966.

I. PERTINENT HISTORY

Reason for Admission: Pre-trial examination pursuant to Section 552.020 by Circuit Court Order of Cole County alleged to be charged with the crime of attempted escape.

Legal Status: Subject was transferred to this hospital for pre-trial evaluation from the Missouri State Penitentiary, where he was serving a sentence of twenty years, having been convicted of the crimes of first degree robbery and two charges of operating a motor vehicle without the permission of the owner. In addition to the sentence, he is serving, he now has a charge against him of attempted escape.

Pertinent Social History: According to accompanying information received from the Missouri State Penitentiary, at or about 9:00 p.m. on 11 March 1966, the subject attempted to escape and actually had hidden out inside the penitentiary walls until he was discovered at approximately 12:10 a.m. on 13 March 1966 attempting to make his way to the roof from which he apparently planned to scale the prison wall. He had placed a dummy in his bed to cover up for his absence at the 9:00 a.m. count on 11 March and had taken a 14 foot iron rod with a metal hook on the end with which he was able to scale several feet of one of the walls inside the penitentiary. He had cut a hole through a security screen on a window and had been hiding out from search parties on various areas of the roof.

Mr. James Ray was born on 10 March 1928 in Illinois. The record indicates that he completed ten grades of school and entered the Army in February 1946, where he served until December 1948, at which time he was discharged because of a lack of adaptability. His FBI record comprises one and one half pages and shows numerous arrests for a variety of charges. He has served sentences in various penal institutions on conviction of such charges as robbery, forgery of postal money orders, and car theft. He has been incarcerated in one or another penal institution a good part of his adult life.

II. PHYSICAL STATUS

There is no physical disease or defect which requires treatment at this time.

Laboratory Data: 9 Sep 66: Urinalysis essentially negative. Hematology within normal limits. Serum bromides negative. Blood sugar and blood urea nitrogen were within normal limits. VDRL nonreactive. 13 Sep 66: Chest x-ray reported as negative.

II. MENTAL STATUS

Orientation: He is oriented for time, place and person.

Memory: His memory is unimpaired for both recent and remote events.

Speech and Mental Activity: He is coherent, alert, relevant and there are no hallucinations or delusions.

Mood and Affect: He appeared to be somewhat tense and anxious and at times showed some mild depression but not of psychotic proportions.

Insight and Judgment: He has a good verbal assessment of reality but in the past he has used poor judgment.

Psychological Testing: Psychological tests indicate that he has an IQ of 105 which places him within the average range of intellectual functioning. Tests also showed some degree of depression. The psychological tests showed no evidence of a psychosis.

IV. COURSE IN HOSPITAL

He has made a good hospital adjustment and has not been a management problem.

V. CONDITION AT PRESENT

Unchanged.

VI. DIAGNOSIS

Sociopathic Personality, Antisocial Type with anxiety and depressive features.

VII. DISCUSSION

Patient has been observed, studied and tested. No symptoms or signs indicating a mental disease or defect could be found. Although he showed signs of anxiety and depression, these could not be considered of psychotic proportions.

VIII. FINDINGS

- 1) That the accused has no mental disease or defect within the meaning of Section 552.010.
- 2) That the accused has the capacity to understand the proceedings against him and can assist in his own defense.
- 3) That the accused did know and appreciate the nature, quality and wrongfulness of his conduct.

IX. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that he be returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary.